

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on April 12, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dave Lewis, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 444, 4/11/2011; HB 642, 4/11/2011

Executive Action: HB 642; HB 444

HEARING ON HB 444

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 444, Create budget database website for taxpayer right to know.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:15 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:11:11 Jeff Brandt, Information Technology Services Division (ITSD)
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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:20 Sen. Wanzenried
00:12:50 Rep. Burnett
00:13:11 Sen. Wanzenried
00:13:28 Rep. Burnett
00:13:44 Sen. Brown
00:14:01 Rep. Burnett
00:14:25 Sen. Brown
00:15:31 Rep. Burnett
00:16:08 Sen. Caferro
00:16:50 Rep. Burnett
00:17:33 Sen. Hawks
00:21:34 Rep. Burnett
00:21:43 Chairman Lewis
00:22:18 Rep. Burnett
00:22:33 Sen. Williams
00:22:57 Mr. Brandt, ITSD
00:23:23 Chairman Lewis
00:23:37 Mr. Brandt
00:24:03 Sen. Hamlett
00:24:23 Rep. Burnett
00:24:37 Sen. Hamlett
00:25:09 Rep. Burnett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:31 Rep. Burnett

HEARING ON HB 642

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:54 Rep. Mark Blasdel (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 642, Create select committee on efficiency in government--members--duties.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:34 Mark Taylor, Montana Hospital Association
00:30:16 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
00:30:57 Bill Warden, Benefis, St. Peters Hospital, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital
00:31:26 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association
00:31:53 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana
00:32:46 Aimee Grmoljez, representing The Billings Clinic

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:44 Sen. Hawks
00:34:16 Rep. Blasdel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:07 Rep. Blasdel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 642

00:35:51 **Motion:** Sen. Sonju moved that **HB 642 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:36:00 Sen. Sonju
00:37:33 Sen. Zinke
00:38:06 Sen. Sonju
00:38:12 Chairman Lewis
00:38:30 Sen. Zinke
00:38:51 Sen. Sonju
00:39:23 Sen. Hamlett
00:39:41 Sen. Sonju
00:39:57 Director Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:40:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-0 by roll call vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy. Sen. Priest abstained from vote. Sen. Sonju will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 444

00:41:36 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 444 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:41:45 Sen. Brown
 00:43:18 Sen. Caferro
 00:44:54 Sen. Zinke
 00:45:58 Sen. Ripley
 00:46:28 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:46:53 Chairman Lewis
 00:48:56 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:49:08 Chairman Lewis
 00:49:21 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 00:49:57 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:50:13 Mr. Brandt
 00:51:02 Sen. Wanzenried

00:51:33 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **HB 444 BE AMENDED.**
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Discussion:

00:52:18 Sen. Barrett
 00:53:02 Ms. Purdy, LFD
 00:53:28 Sen. Barrett
 00:53:54 Chairman Lewis
 00:54:04 Sen. Wanzenried

00:54:25 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hawks, Sen. Keane, Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Williams voting aye. Sen. Gallus, Sen. Jones and Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

00:55:27 Sen. Hawks
 00:56:21 Sen. Barrett

00:57:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Hawks, Sen. Keane, Sen. Wanzenried, and Sen. Williams voting no. Sen. Gallus, Sen. Jones, Sen. Priest and Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy. Sen. Wittich will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:59 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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